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Shawn McKenzie Promoted to Deputy Warden at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 4, 2019) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Deputy Commissioner Randy White today announced that Shawn McKenzie has been promoted to deputy warden of Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) in West Liberty.

"Shawn McKenzie is an experienced veteran of corrections spending over two decades working in a high security facility," said White. "He maintains a unique knowledge of high security operational challenges inherent to the staff and is respected by inmates and staff alike."

McKenzie began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1996 as a classification and treatment officer at EKCC. In 2004, he was promoted to unit administrator I. McKenzie remained in that position until 2008, when he promoted to unit administrator II. During his tenure, he has worked in meritorious housing, minimum security, enhanced supervision, intake, orientation, restricted housing and general population. He assisted with opening the first reentry dorm at EKCC and was the work program director for the institution for nine years.

A 1996 graduate of Morehead State University, McKenzie earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with an emphasis in corrections and a minor in social work.

McKenzie received Employee of the Month twice and Supervisor of the Quarter in 2015 from EKCC. He is also a member of Southern States Correctional Association, The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation and an active member the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD). He previously served as president of the KCCD Cave Run Chapter, a member of the board of directors and the current president of the state board

.Editor's note: photo attached

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